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SUBJ: COMMERICAL BENEFITS OF A CONSULAR AGENT IN MALDIVES

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1. REFTEL RECOMMENDED THE OPENING OF A CONSULAR AGENCY IN THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES A CONSULAR AGENT WOULD HELP TO PROMOTE US COMMERICAL INTERESTS IN THAT COUNTRY AND REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AGENCY.

2. ALTHOUGH MALDIVES IS A SMALL MARKET, THERE ARE SOME WORTH-WHILE TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES WHICH ARE NOW BEING MISSED DUE TO LACK OF INFORMATION. THE GOVERNMENT OF MALDIVES (GOM) ISSUES TENDERS ONLY IN MALE. ONLY THOSE COUNTRIES WITH DIPLOMATIC OR COMMERICAL REPRESENTATION IN MALE KNOW ABOUT THESE TENDERS. INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES MUST ALSO BE DEVELOPED ON THE SPOT. WITHOUT A PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN MALE, THE EMBASSY HEARS ABOUT THESE OPPORTUNITIES ONLY DURING VISITS BY EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERICAL OFFICERS. A CONSULAR AGENT WOULD RECEIVE AND FORWARD TO COLOMBO ALL TENDERS AND WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO REPORT ON LESS FORMAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES DEVELOPED THROUGH PERSONAL CONTACT
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